



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Dr. Riley Bell Zachary

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Dr. Riley Bell Zachary was born in January, 1836 in Tennessee, a son of Allen Zachary and his wife, Levinia Woollen (or Woollard). By 1850, Riley was living with his widowed mother and siblings in Civil District 23, Wilson County, Tennessee. Zachary was married to his first wife, Malvina, about 1858, and in the 1860 census they are shown with a one-year-old son, Eugene.

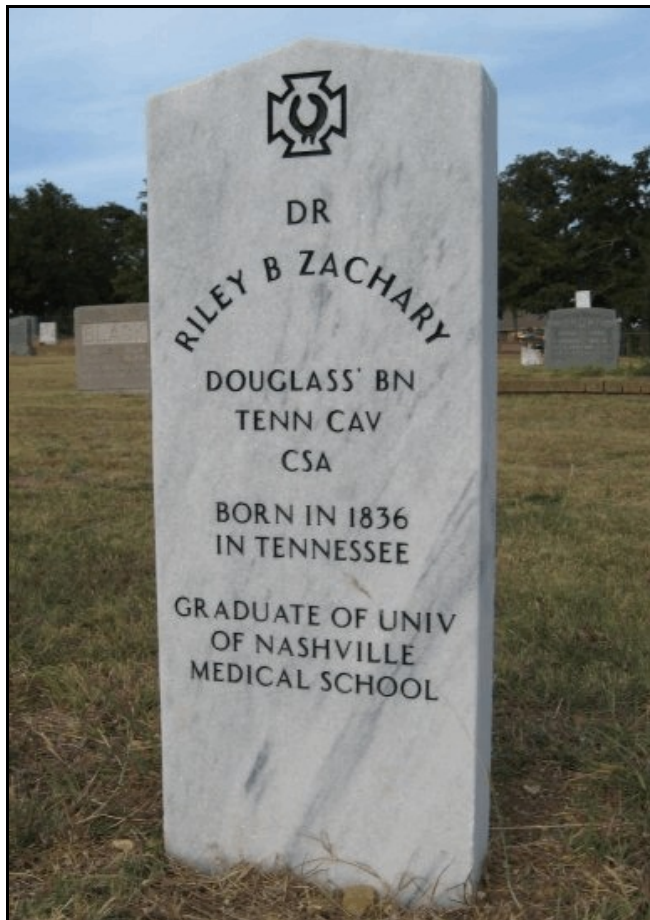
Zachary enlisted in the Confederate army as a private in Carter's Co., Douglass's Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry. This regiment was organized in September, 1862 by Nathan W. Carter at LaVergne, Tennessee. It later became Carter's Co. of Independent Scouts and later still became Co. A, 21st Tennessee Cavalry. In some records they are also referred to as Douglass's Partisan Rangers. When he attended the Confederate soldier's reunion at Dallas held April 23-25, 1902, Zachary signed the register as a member of Co. E, 8th Tennessee Cavalry.

In the 1870 census of Wilson County, Tennessee, Zachary is shown with a wife named Elvina and an additional child named Mattie, born about 1865. Based upon a statement Zachary made in 1893, it seems likely that he and his family arrived in Bedford about 1878.

Zachary's second (or third?) wife, Rebecca C., was born September 25, 1852. They were married by the time the 1880 census was taken. She died February 14, 1896 in Bedford, and is buried in Bedford Cemetery. Zachary was a well-known pioneer doctor in eastern Tarrant County. In 1899 in an affidavit he made for a Confederate soldier in Bedford who was trying to get a pension, Zachary said he had been a doctor since about 1860, and that he was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Nashville, Tennessee.

Shown on the 1895 Sam Street Map, Dr. Zachary was living in the old town of Bedford, along the south side of present-day Bedford Road, on the T. W. Williams survey, about where E. M. Bilger Boulevard intersects Bedford Road from the south.

About 1898 he married his last wife, Eliza J., who was born in Tennessee in May, 1853. She had given birth to two children by one or more previous marriages, but only one of them was still alive in 1900. Dr. and Mrs. Zachary had no children living with them in 1900 at Bedford. He does not appear in the 1910 Texas census index, and his death does not appear in the Texas vital statistics records. No notice of his death appeared in the Grapevine Sun. [Dr. Zachary died in Fort Worth on March 6, 1905.](#) The following short notice of his death appeared in the newspaper in Fort Worth: *“Dr. R. B. Zachary. Dr. R. B. Zachary, a retired physician who came here from Bedford, Texas, recently, died at 716 Willie street, Glenwood, early this morning. No funeral arrangement has been made.”*



Riley B. Zachary stone at Bedford

